

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

12. (Previously presented) An integrated circuit switching hub, comprising:
 - a plurality of input/output ports;
 - a bus communicatively connected to each of said plurality of input/output ports;
 - a plurality of data switches that switch data from said plurality of input/output ports onto said bus; and
 - an arbitrator connected to each of said plurality of data switches that controls said data switches to switch data from any one of said input/output ports to any other of the input/output ports in accordance with a predetermined selection scheme,
 - wherein said integrated circuit switching hub is fabricated having multiple layers,
 - wherein said bus resides in a first layer of said multiple layers, and
 - wherein said plurality of input/output ports, said plurality of data switches, and said arbitrator reside in layers adjacent to the first layer.